

**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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Title: Allocation of S106 to St James Barton roundabout improvement project

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RECOMMENDATION

A) The Committee is asked to allocate the following amount of devolved parks and recreation S106 income to the first investment phase of the Bear Pit project:

£20,500

Summary

The Bearpit Improvement Group (BIG) is a Community Interest Company set up to change the pedestrian environment of the St James Barton roundabout. Its vision is to regenerate this neglected public space from somewhere where people want to pass through as quickly as possible to one where people feel comfortable spending time.

The Bearpit Improvement Group have requested S106 funding of £67,500 to support phase one of the delivery of a project to significantly enhance the St James Barton roundabout. The first phase is the provision of some trading and catering space.

A report was presented to the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership on 7th March 2012. It was resolved that

- in the first instance, local businesses within the vicinity of The Bear Pit be approached to ascertain whether they would be willing to fund all or part of the proposed improvements to The Bear Pit;
- That in the event of commercial support not being forthcoming, then Phase 1 of the proposed works (£67,500) be funded through (a) use of 33.3% (£22,500) of the Partnership's devolved S106 monies for parks and recreation, and (b) that the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership be approached to see if it would be willing to provide the remaining 66.7% (£45,000),

The Bearpit Improvement Group have approached the businesses within the vicinity of the site and have been successful in securing a £2,000 contribution to artwork for the outdoor gallery. The Neighbourhood Partnership for Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East agreed to allocate £45,000 to the project in their meeting of 28 March 2012.

The significant issues in the report are:

- The S106 allocation will be administered by the Council with all associated project and procurement tasks taken forward by City Transport.

Context

- i. The Bearpit Improvement Group (BIG) a Community Interest Company was set up by members of the local community with a shared interest in changing the pedestrian environment of the St James Barton roundabout.
- ii. The site has been designated as a Community Action Zone where the community take a lead on what is required in the space.
- iii. To date the site has seen a transformation through incremental step change through the installation of artwork, a table tennis table, community planting and markets.

Proposal

- i. The BIG are seeking £67,500 for the delivery of their plans for permanent trading. This would see the delivery of 2 adapted catering units with tables, chairs and the provision of a tensile canopy.
- ii. If successful the delivery of this work will be carried out by the Council managed by officers in City Transport.
- iii. The units would be owned by the Council but leased to the BIG to manage the day to day trading under a licence. The moveable furniture would be owned by the BIG.

Consultation

Internal

Jim Cliffe - Planning Obligations Manager

Peter Malarby - Senior Solicitor (Highways & Transport)

External

None

Risk Assessment

- i. The main risks of not committing funding to the project are:
 - The proposed improvements would have to be reduced to meet the reduced budget available.
- ii. The main risks of committing funding to the project are:
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Equalities Impact Assessment

- i. It is not anticipated that there will be any adverse affect on any equalities community as a result of the Committee's decision.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

See previous report to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Financial No advice sought

Revenue

Capital

Financial advice given by: N/A

Land The land associated with the project is owned by the Council and is registered Highway. The land will continue to remain under Council ownership and under this designation after the project is completed.

Personnel None

Appendices: None

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Background Papers:

Neighbourhood Partnership report 7th March 2012